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From: White, Terri-A
Sent: Thur 2/6/2014 7:57:51 PM
Subject: FW: OPS ACTION: CNN (Nelli Black) re: W. Va. spill; ddl: 2/10

See...

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 2:50 PM
To: Behringer, Caroline; Bloomgren, David
Cc: Smith, Bonnie; White, Terri-A; Hull, George
Subject: RE: OPS ACTION: CNN (Nelli Black) re: W. Va. spill; ddl: 2/10

From the reporter:

Thank you for the written response. We would like to interview somebody from the EPA in person about this issue.

Can you please let me know who is available? We are willing to do the interview in DC, or Cincinnati on Monday.

From: Behringer, Caroline
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 2:24 PM
To: Jones, Enesta; Bloomgren, David
Cc: Smith, Bonnie; White, Terri-A; Hull, George
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HQ. Here's what we said yesterday about the water being safe – let's stick with this for the second question.

State and Federal (ATSDR/CDC) health officials agreed on a protective health level for MCHM and PPH. EPA's drinking water experts worked closely with other Federal and State agencies in West Virginia as they developed their plan for getting the drinking water system back on-line. Sampling results show that the flushing approach has been effective. A re-evaluation of earlier samples for PPH has indicated it was not detectable or present at levels far below the protective level. EPA has been working with a group of scientists and lab experts

who have increased confidence in laboratory analysis of MCHM and PPH in water. Several labs were successful in obtaining lower detection limits for both chemicals.

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From: Jones, Enesta

Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 2:19 PM

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Region 3 or HQ?

From: Behringer, Caroline

Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 2:14:06 PM

To: Jones, Enesta; Bloomgren, David

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Let's give answers to the second one. Since it has not been proven that there is not formaldehyde in water, I prefer to not answer the first q.

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From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 2:02:59 PM
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I just spoke to her. She would like an on-camera on Monday for a story that airs on Tuesday.
Her q's are:

- What level does EPA deem safe for formaldehyde in water?
- Is the water safe for people to drink? What is the process for testing to ensure that it is safe?

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 1:55 PM
To: Smith, Bonnie; Behringer, Caroline; Bloomgren, David
Cc: White, Terri-A; Hull, George
Subject: OPS ACTION: Drinking Water - CNN's investigative unit

Nelli has also reached out to HQ. She is frustrated no one has called her back.

From: Smith, Bonnie
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 1:37 PM
To: Behringer, Caroline; Jones, Enesta
Cc: White, Terri-A
Subject: MEDIA INQUIRY - Drinking Water - CNN's investigative unit
Importance: High

Region 3 will be glad to assist as needed.

From: Black, Nelli [<mailto:Nelli.Black@turner.com>]
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 1:29 PM
To: Smith, Bonnie
Subject: Drinking Water

Bonnie,

I am a producer with CNN's investigative unit.

I'm looking to interview somebody from the EPA about drinking water.
Can you please give me a call 212-275-8495 and I can explain further.

Thank you,

Nelli Black

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